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At 9 a.m. on 7 January 1952, the hangars at Koethen airfield were closed. The sky was overcast. No aircraft were parked in front of the hangars. There was no flying. At 2:25 p.m. on 10 January, hangar 1 was closed; hangar 2 was partly open. A swept-back jet fighter which had a wide white ring around its air intake aperture in front was observed in hangar 2. A tank truck and five railroad tank cars were observed in fuel dump 2. Between 9 and 10:30 a.m. on 21 January, there were a heavy snow fall at the field. The hangars were closed. There was no flying. *

25X1A * Comment. Koethen airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment which is being activated and an unidentified air unit whose ground unit 25X1C is continually supplied with fuel from the air force fuel depots. At the time of observation, all the aircraft were probably parked in the hangars. According to previous information, the fighter regiment is equipped with a small number of aircraft.

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